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Application No: 10/036,985)
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SHAPED OBJECTS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be preliminarily amended. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the present application as preliminarily amended.

This Preliminary Amendment includes a document entitled (1) Request to Approve Drawing Changes, (2) a photocopy of Figure 5 indicating proposed deletion of items marked in red ink, and 3) a photocopy of Figure 5 with proposed items to be added marked in red ink.

Applicant notes that before the requested changes, Figure 5 illustrated a JPEG encoder identical to that of Figure 3 rather than the JPEG decoder as described in detail in the specification. Support for the proposed changes to Figure 5 is found at page 3, lines 7-8; and page 10, lines 7-16. Applicant thus submits that the proposed changes to Figure 5 do not

add new matter. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner approve the proposed changes to Figure 5.

Also accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a document entitled (4) Submission of Formal Drawings, and (5) a formal drawing for Figure 5 incorporating the proposed changes.

If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at **(512) 858-9910.**

Respectfully submitted,

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